

# 2010 Policy Advisory Council

## Candidates for 2010-2011 Chair and Vice Chair

### **Paul S. Branson – Representing the Senior Community of Marin County**

*“I am focused on developing innovative mobility management solutions to the transportation gaps facing Marin's rapidly aging population along with persons with disabilities and low-income residents.”*

**Paul Branson** has been involved in planning, coordinating, designing and managing transportation for seniors for nearly 10 years. A former transportation manager/senior mobility manager for Contra Costa County, he currently works at the Marin County Transit District as the community mobility manager. Mr. Branson served as chair of MTC's Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee and is a founding member and former chair of the Contra Costa Senior Transportation Forum. In addition, he is a former chair and vice chair of the Contra Costa County Paratransit Coordinating Council.



### **Federico Lopez – Representing the Disabled Community of Contra Costa County**



*“I am a public transit consumer – with lack of vision, I take transit or paratransit actively in the Bay Area and around the country.”*

**Federico Lopez** is a retired federal government attorney who worked as senior counsel for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms and served as attorney for the Office for Civil Rights, Health & Human Services. He retired from federal law enforcement due to loss of vision sustained in the line of duty. A member of the National Association of Blind Lawyers, Mr. Lopez also served on the board of Lions Center for the Blind and is a former member of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee. He regularly performs Pro Bono advocacy for adults with developmental disabilities, people who are blind and seniors with visual impairments.

### **Lori Reese-Brown – Representing the Minority Community of Solano County**



*“Some ways of ensuring needs are met include amending outdated policy and working with low-income residents in the community to hear and address their concerns in an efficient, effective and timely manner that produces results.”*

**Lori Reese-Brown** is a city planner of 20 years with experience in the public and private sectors. She has worked to bring citizens together, authoring policy for recommendation for initiatives pertaining to local economic development. She has also worked with nonprofit Environmental Justice groups to engage citizens and to hear and mitigate local community concerns. She regularly engages communities of color in a broad range of projects and community initiatives. Serving as a City

Planning Commissioner in Solano County, her goal is to ensure existing and proposed policy and goals present a framework for governing local and regional decisions around transportation and land use.



Carmen Rojas – Representing the Low-Income Community of Alameda County

*“I have made a lifelong commitment to ensuring low-income communities of color are empowered to transform poor physical and economic conditions that they may live in.”*

**Carmen Rojas** is the Green Access Program Officer for the Mitchell Kapor Foundation, which distributes foundation grants to organizations working on issues ranging from green jobs to climate justice in communities of color within the Bay Area. She coordinated the Task Force on African-American Out-Migration through the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and has worked to address exposure issues as a result of poor housing in the Bayview/Hunters Point area of San Francisco. A Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Rojas holds a Master’s degree

and Ph.D. in city and regional planning.

Linda Jeffery Sailors – Economy Representative

*“I served on Dublin’s first city council and participated in development of its first general plan. ABAG and MTC can work together so that land-use and transportation planning work together. I have experience in both.”*

**Linda Jeffery Sailors** was a founder of the Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Authority and served as its board president. She has worked for the Economic Development Alliance for Business doing economic development outreach and served as president of the Arroyo Vista Housing Authority. A former chairperson of the League of California Cities Revenue and Taxation Committee, she represented the Bay Area on the National League of Cities FAIR Committee, which dealt with revenue and taxation policies. Ms. Jeffery Sailors served as a Dublin city councilmember for ten years, including a stint as mayor.



Dolly Sandoval – Representing the Senior Community of Santa Clara County

*“When VTA bus cuts were imminent (in 2007), I worked feverishly on behalf of our senior citizen communities to maintain adequate services for those seniors no longer able to drive... While not every line utilized by our senior residents could be saved, I helped to coordinate the changes with our local paratransit operator.”*

**Dolly Sandoval** served on the Cupertino City Council from 2001-2009, including a term as mayor, and the Foothill DeAnza Community College Board from 1991-2001. During her four years on the Valley Transportation Authority’s board of directors, she served as chair and vice chair and also chaired the agency’s Transportation Planning & Operations committee,

seeking public input from the senior community to improve services for riders and to learn directly the needs of Santa Clara County’s older population and people with disabilities. Ms. Sandoval has been a teacher for more than 20 years and attended the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program through the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard in 2008.